



# Spellings at Ashleigh

## How do we teach spelling to your child?

With a new National Curriculum comes a greater expectation for spellings. There is a challenging collection of words for children to understand, spell and use in their written work. This hand-out should give you an idea of how we are preparing your children to be confident spellers and how you can support your child at home.

### How are spellings taught?

In KS2, we teach spellings through discrete spelling lessons or within Literacy lessons. Discrete spelling lessons allow children to investigate and learn new spelling rules, strategies and meaning behind the words taught each week. As well as spelling lessons, the children have daily opportunities to practise focus words for short-bursts on their Ipads using the 'Spelling Squeeble' app.

### iPad Apps for spelling practice

Spelling Apps are a fantastic way to help your child learn their weekly spellings at home. Most of the Apps mentioned below allow you to create your own spelling lists.

**Spelling Squeebles** £2.99 - We use this app daily in school and the children really enjoy it. Focus spellings can be entered to suit the needs of your child and practised in a fun, engaging way.

**Spellasaur** £2.99 - Like Squeebles, focus words can be entered to create individual spelling lists. Click the correct word, complete the word by adding the missing letters or re-arrange the letters to make the word.

**Loo, cover, write check** £1.99- Exciting and silly spelling game, practising spellings whilst visiting loos around the world!

### Websites

If you do not have a tablet device at home, websites can be an equally effective way to engage your child.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy.html>

[http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/spelling\\_games.html](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/spelling_games.html)

### How can I help my child practise their spellings at home?

*Children learn in many different ways; it is worth trying a variety of spelling activities to keep your child interested and engaged in their learning.*

**Create a spelling rich environment-** Display spellings around the home.

**Highlighter pen-** Use a highlighter pen to highlight the tricky parts of a word.

**Create mnemonics-** Create memorable acronyms or visual pictures to help remember spellings (E.g. spelling "because" using the mnemonic "big elephants can always understand small elephants").

**Colourful words** - Use two different coloured pens to write your spelling words. Use one colour for the consonants and the other for vowels.

**Graffiti words** - Write spellings in graffiti words.

**Woolly words** - Use colourful wool to create letters and make words.

**Word search** - Create a word search with weekly spelling words.

**Timer** - Use a timer to see how many times you can write each of your spellings in 30 seconds.

**Play spelling games** - See attached.  
**Pick n Mix** - See attached.